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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification, including mooting the objections noted on page 3 of the office action.
2. Cancel former independent claims 1, 27, 53, and 79, without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Rewrite claims 2, 10, 11, 24 – 26; 28; 36, 37, 50 – 52; 54, 62, 63, 76 – 78; 80, 88, 89, 102-104 as independent claims (see section C *infra*).
4. Supply new drawings (see section B *infra*).
5. Attached is a PTO-1449 with copies of two of the references which were not considered due to illegible copies. The other references which were not considered were copied from another IDS and listed in error.

B. THE DRAWING CORRECTIONS

The attached corrected drawings are responsive to the drawing objections, and include changes to Fig. 1, Fig. 1A, and Fig. 3. In Fig. 1, the reference numeral 10 has been added to refer (to the entire drawing) as telecommunications network 10. In Fig. 1A, the protocol entity has been relabeled as entity 20A, as noted in the office action. In Fig. 3, new reference numeral 3-24 has been inserted to refer to the UTRAN, the reference numeral 3-26 being employed instead for the RNC.

C. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter as set forth in enumerated paragraph 8 of the office action. In view of such indication, Applicants have rewritten claims 2, 11, 24 – 26; 28; 37, 50 – 52; 54, 63, 76 – 78; 80, 89, 102-104 as independent claims. In so rewriting the claims, claims 18, 19, 44, 45, 70, 71, 96, and 97 have been amended to moot the objection of enumerated paragraph 3(a) on page 3 of the office action. Applicants agree with the Examiner that claim 37 should have depended on claim 27, so claim 37 has been rewritten as an independent claim to include the limitations of original

independent claim 27. Similarly, claims 50 – 52 should have originally depended from independent claim 27, so claims 50 – 52 have also been rewritten as an independent claim to include the limitations of original independent claim 27. Applicants also agree that claim 96 should depend upon claim 91. These amendments thus moot the objections levied in enumerated paragraph 3 which bridges pages 3 and 4 of the office action.

In addition, Applicants have rewritten claims 10, 36, 62, and 88 as independent claims, including therein the subject matter of original claims 1, 27, 53, and 79, respectively, for mootting the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph of enumerated paragraph 5 on page 4 of the office action.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all objections and rejections and for allowing all claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that the captioned application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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